

# AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## December 2008



### A AIRPORT OPERATIONS

- Passenger Count
- Aircraft Operations
- Air Freight

The passenger count for November, 60,580 was down 11.7% compared with November 2007. The total passenger count year-to-date, 760,541 was up 1.3% compared to the same period last year.

### B PROGRAMS

#### 1. Air Service

In November, the airlines serving Santa Barbara Airport provided 45,649 seats; 11% fewer seats than the same month last year. The decrease was primarily due to daily flight reductions: Los Angeles (-4), San Francisco (-2), San Diego (-2), Phoenix (-1), and Portland (-1). The highest capacity flights for the month were aboard United to Denver (88.2%) & San Francisco (83.1%), and American Eagle to Dallas/Ft. Worth (82.9%).

Staff Contact: Terri Gibson, 692-6004

#### 2. Communications Program

##### a. New FlySBA.com Website Development

A custom content management system is being created for the site and the data structure is complete. The project is expected to go live in January following a test period.

##### b. Traditional Terminal Greenery

Pine wreaths, cedar garland, and tiny white lights adorn the Airline Terminal to celebrate the winter holidays as has been an Airport tradition for close to 20 years.

##### c. Airport Visitors Center Activity

448 students from 6 schools representing 4 school districts received tours in November. Five GA clubs held meetings at the Center during the month.

##### d. Airline Terminal Comment Card Program

93 cards were collected from the holdrooms and main lobby in November. Comments included requests for restrooms in the holdrooms, complaints about rude TSA personnel, and pleas to keep the Terminal as small as it is.

#### **e. Website Statistics**

33,151 visitors logged onto FlySBA.com in November for an average of more than 1,100 visits per day – a 20% increase over the same month last year.

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### **3. Airport Noise Abatement Program**

Planned completion date: Summer 2009

Five potential sites for new noise monitoring terminals were selected and sought by Airport Staff. Airport Staff has received initial concurrence from the County for an additional Noise Monitoring Terminal site, on Ward Drive near Rancho Goleta Mobile Home Park. The Ward Drive site is important in that it is the only potential site located in the vicinity of the 65 CNEL Airport Noise contour.

The request for an installation at La Patera Elementary School was declined, and other locations requested in the City of Goleta and the County were not favorably received. After evaluating the quality of data received from the new flight tracking system, staff feels that seeking additional noise monitoring sites (other than the site near the 65 CNEL at Ward) drive is not necessary. The improved flight tracking information received from the new flight tracking system combined with the information from an additional monitor near the 65 CNEL will meet the objectives of the noise compatibility program. Staff is in the process of submitting a permit application for installation of the noise monitoring terminal site near Ward Drive.

Staff Contact: Tracy Lincoln, 967 - 7111

### **4. Property Management**

Self-Service Fueling Project

An agreement with MAG Aviation is being prepared and will be on the January Airport Commission agenda for consideration.

Staff Contact: Hazel Johns, 692-6003

## **C CAPITAL PROJECTS**

### **1. Airport Terminal Improvement project**

Planned Completion Date: 2011

The initial project phases have been submitted for building permits. The first project in association with Terminal improvements, the SBA Terminal Ramp & Taxiway B

\$60 Million (14.1M  
AIP Grant, 5.8M  
PFCs, 34.5M Bond

Relocation Construction Project, was awarded to Granite Construction on July 22, 2008. Construction commenced with Taxiway K and Taxiway B between Taxiways A and E closed indefinitely due to construction. The Terminal ramp configuration has also changed requiring the airlines to push back aircraft. Bids opened for the second project in association with the Terminal improvements, the SBA Temporary Facilities & Site Preparation Project on September 4, 2008. The current plan is to award this contract after receipt of the Airline Terminal bids. The bids for the Airline Terminal are due December 16, 2008.

Funds, 1.0M Airport Funds)

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## **2. ASP Wetland Mitigation Plan**

Planned Completion Date: 2009

### ASP Wetlands Mitigation Plan

Mitigation associated with the Airfield Safety Projects at a ratio of 4:1.

- Area I Restoration - Completed
- Remainder of Mitigation Plan –Construction of the creek restoration plantings, berm restoration and Area R-2 is complete. Phase 2 Tidal Restoration scheduled to begin in 2009.

Staff Contact: Owen Thomas, 692-6018

## **3. Goleta Slough Tidal Circulation Demonstration Project**

Planned Completion Date: January 2009

This project was modified to restore tidal action to one Goleta Slough basin instead of two basins, due to cost. The Airport has received a Coastal Development Permit amendment from the Coastal Commission for the modified experiment. Construction began in September and was completed in October 2005. Surveys to measure bird activity, vegetation establishment and invertebrate communities are ongoing and will continue until November 2008. Staff has received approval from the California Coastal Commission to extend the reporting period until December 2009. The final report is due by mid-December 2008.

URS Corporation  
\$348,330 (work that is continuing.)

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#### **4. Consolidated Rental Car Quick Turn Around Facility**

Planned Completion Date: Fall 2009

This Airport project is to provide a Rental Car Quick Turn Around facility (QTA). The QTA will be relocated off of the Airline Terminal premises on a 3.4 acre site located at 25 David Love Place. It will function to fuel, perform minor service (oil changes, fluid checks, tire repair, etc.) vehicle washing, and vehicle storage. The Santa Barbara City Council awarded a contract to Pat McCarthy Construction on July 1, 2008. Construction has commenced and will take approximately one year to complete. Construction is ongoing with all the site utilities installed and the building footings poured.

Project Cost:  
\$8,803,000  
(Customer Facilities  
Charge revenue)

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#### **D COUNCIL / AIRPORT COMMISSION ACTIONS**

Council / Airport Commission approved the following recommendations in November

Recommendation: That Council:

1) Introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving a Facilities Lease by and Between the Santa Barbara Financing Authority, a Joint Exercise of Powers Agency, as Lessor, and the City of Santa Barbara, a Municipal Corporation, as Lessee, and a Site Lease by and Between the City of Santa Barbara, a Municipal Corporation, as Lessor, and the Santa Barbara Financing Authority, as Lessee, for Property Located at the City of Santa Barbara Municipal Airport, for Concurrent Terms Commencing no Sooner than December 18, 2008, and Ending no Later than August 1, 2045.

2) Approve and authorize the Airport Director, subject to approval of the City Attorney, to execute a contract with URS Corporation to conduct stormwater monitoring in an amount not to exceed \$66,246, and authorize the Airport Director to approve expenditures up to \$6,000 for extra services that may result from necessary changes in the scope of work.

3) Approve the 2008-2009 airline rates and charges, including airline landing fees of \$1.98 per thousand pounds of gross landed weight, and the Airline Terminal annual building square footage rental rate of \$66.81, for all commercial air carrier operations at Santa Barbara Airport, effective October 1, 2008, through September 30, 2009.

4) Accept the work completed by Granite Construction (Granite), Contract No. 22,522, for the Santa Barbara Airport South Apron Rehabilitation Project (Project), Bid No. 3508, in the final contract amount of \$1,917,105, and approve filing a Notice of Completion.

5) approve and authorize the Airport Director to execute a Lease Amendment with Stratman Aero Service, Inc., a California Corporation, amending the Premises and Rental provisions of Lease No. 20,369 to adjust the square footage to 83,241 with a proportionate reduction in the rent to \$5,084 per month.